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To the President & Members of the Board of [illegible]

Fort St. Ge[illegible]

Gentlemen [illegible]

I have the honor to lay bef[ore]

you my Settlement, and Jummabandy of [the]

Revenues of this District for Fusly 12[illegible]

which on perusal, I hope will Meet w[ith]

the approbation of the Board and the

Sanction of Government.

[illegible]

explain the grounds on which [illegible]

Settlement has been formed, I [illegible]

necessary to [illegible]

of the [illegible] of the [illegible] that

has just [illegible]

The [illegible]

Inhabitants of the [illegible]

of the [illegible]

their Sanguine expectation of a very extended Cultivation and a proportionable encrease of Revenue — More Land has been Actually Ploughed this year than ever was known in this District the failure of the Periodical Rains have however rendered in a great Measure the Exertions of the Inhabitants of little use Scarcely Any Rain has fallen in this Division Except a few partial Showers in August and September — the River Cauvery which waters an Extensive tract of Paddy Lands in this Division Came down much later than usual the Sowing of the Nungah Seeds were Consequently delayed and the River has by no means this year yield that

Sufficiency

Sufficiency of water Requisite for Cultivating the Peshannum Paddy for Some Months past the River has been so Shallow that the different Nullahs leading from it to the Cultivation Could be Supplied but with the utmost difficulty the Tanks in the High Lands Contained Scarce Any water & most of them perfectly dry and but for the few Small Showers that fell most of the Dry Cultivation would have perished ma[illegible] of the Dry Crops that had Came in Ear were blighted and others that were just Springing above ground withered for want of Moisture a large Quantity of [illegible] Paddy Planted and [illegible] for the [illegible]

Rendered impowered for want of

Rain in Short so bad a Season as the

present has not been Recollected for

these many years past_ these remarks

I beg leave to assure the Board are

not made from Mere Reports but

from a personal and attentive

Inspections of every Talook_

Having now made my

Remarks on the past Season

I shall State the manner in which

the present Ryotwary Settlement

has been formed_

A Superficial Survey

of the Lands having been made

by Mr. Walker some time ago the

[illegible]

Actual produce of the Lands [illegible]
ascertained upon An Average of
Several years and a Standard grain
assessment fixed and approved of
by the Board the Classifications of
the Soil was what Remained to be
Established the Orders Issued by
Mr Wallace last years fully [illegible]
Accomplished this—

The Amount of the [illegible]
Jumma of 1213 Fusly for each
village was devided on the Lands
of each individual in the following
manner the Nunjah Lands were
Classed under the following [illegible]

The first Sort of Land

was termed Kurrasal—

Second Sort ——— Sheval

Third D.o ——— Murel

Forth D.o ——— Kuller

each of these four Classes

subdivided into two Divisions

were the Produce of the Land required

such distinction the Land producing

5 Cullums p.r Cawnee less than

the first Sort were Classed as

Land of the 2.d Sort under

its peculiar Denomination for

example were there was a

difference in the Produce of the

Kurral

Kursab in Kullu Lands of one

Individual the first land was termed

Kurrasul in Kullur of the first sort

and that which produced less than

that Land by 5 or more Cullums

was Classed as Kurrasul in Kullur

of the Second Sort & that inferior

Land produced Only four Cullums

less than the first sort in Kullu

Classed under the first sort in

this manner the four Classes were

Subdivided where Necessary —

The Number of Cawnies

of each of the four Classes and

of each 2 Division of Classes the

SPECIALLY MADE FOR
MADE IN

Possession of each Land holders was
there Clearly Ascertained together with
the Amount to be paid for each
Class and each Division thereof —

The Lands producing
3. 2. & 1 Crop were also ascertained
and Specified in the Royatwarry
Account and the Class and
Division of Class given in Cawnies
and the produce thereof

The Punjah or Dry
Land were Classed into five Sorts
Viz.t Currasal, Peedagie Shavel
Mannal and Kullar

Every field was Classed
under one of these heads and the Amount
fixed on each Class by —

by each individual was ascertained

After having Maturely deliberated on this Mode and of every other which Suggested itself to me after full Consideration I adopted this as appearing to me the best for the adjustment of the present Ryat Warry Settlement.

The Revenue of this Province being derived from three distinct heads viz Mungah, Punjah and Sewai[illegible] I shall accordingly give a distinct report on each of these Heads as they have been Settled from each of the four Divisions of this Collectorate.

These four Divisions are composed of the [illegible]

The western Division
Comprehends Conaud Veleutty an
Saulgoody Tallooks
The Eastern Division Mannargoody
and Chedumbrum Tallooks
The Northern Division Timore
Coramballore Vedranda & Vootatoor &
the Center Division Arialoor and
Woodiarpollam —
It will be necessary to
remark that the Western Division
last year included the Tallook of
Tyloor This Tallook I deemed
necessary to suppress and to incorporate
it partly with the Veleutty and
Saulgoody Tallooks the Chief motives
which led to this Change was to
relieve Government from a heavy

and unnecessary Establishment of Servants the amount of the Wagon Zabittah for this Pusly has Consequently been reduced in the amount of St. Pagodas 1480 " " below that of last Year —

Composing the Tallook of Canara Tetty and Pulgoody

Western Division

The Munjah Cultivation of this district on which the present Revenue has been fixed Consisting of 121,163 . 3 7/16 Cawnies [illegible] which 21,106 . 32 3/4 [illegible] an additional Munjah [illegible] the Settlement of these Lands is 2,45[illegible] 19 . 69 —

The grounds on which the Settlement was formed were the Actual Cultivation of the former

year on a Comparison with the Produce of 1213 Fusly –

It was acknowledged to me by the Inhabitants that the produce of the Lands in 1213 Fusly Considerably exceeded the gross Amount with which they were assessed and I therefore Considered myself justified in Estimating those Crops which had been reaped at the period of the arrangement of the Rent on a Comparison of last year produce of the same Description of Crop I also took into Consideration the great Profit the Inhabitants this Year gain on the [illegible] Grain above the Commutation price

The –

Cawtoomuddle [illegible]
increased produce ... 1322. 24. 19

Difference or variation
of the Crop ... 993. 5. 69.

Mamaporapoo [illegible] ... 7. 37. 36.

551. 24 $\frac{11}{16}$ 3666. 6. 17.

Excess gained by the
addition of [illegible] Cullum ... 464. 8. 46

[illegible] Goolis

In the Commutation 2214. 35 $\frac{1}{16}$

Price at Regulate ... 579. 29 $\frac{1}{32}$ 2793. [illegible] 6[illegible]. 31. [illegible]

Total [illegible] Crop. [illegible]

Do. Do. [illegible] 1018[illegible]

Decrease

There is a decrease in the Nunjah Cultivation in

this Division amounting to 3180 33 31 [illegible]

Deduction made for
uncultivated land
in this year ... Cawnie Goolis 1142. 86 $\frac{1}{2}$

Salady of Do. ... 96. 56 $\frac{13}{16}$ [illegible]

1239. 43 $\frac{5}{16}$ 1019. 19. 6[illegible]

Crops which failed ... 373. 13 $\frac{5}{16}$

of Do. ... 18. 19 $\frac{13}{16}$ 34[illegible] [illegible] 397. 3. 63

Reduction for Land uncultivated } 192. 51 1/31 186. 9.
By absent Inhabitants ... 9.

Nunjah land brought } ... 208. 7 9/16 103. 13
into Punjah

Dole Ummpys . 59 78 10 1/2/16

Talady of Do . 28 28 9 1/2/16 88. 7 1/4 — 183. 3
Loss or deficiency Produce ... 433. 14.

Reduction made
in cultivation of Kotturn } ... 21. 28.
[illegible]

Difference of Receipts 796.32.79.
[illegible] allowed
[illegible] charges of
Transport for } 49. 33. 6.
Grain ... 1st Crop 1926. 37.
2nd do 143. 5 3/8 2,069.42 3/4. 3180.

Then is a Net increase
in the Nunjah Cultivation of this [illegible]

Western Division

The standard grain assessmen[t] of the mailvarum share of the Nunjah Lands of this division has been Continued the same as last year

The rate at which the Commu[t]ation Price has been fixed on the mailvarum Government share on standard grain asses[sment] is exactly the same as last year with the exception of the Vellore maganum in the Com[pany's] Talook in this maganum the Price has bee[n] Raised [illegible] last [illegible] Cullum it being equally as near the principal market as the other villages that paid it was therefore only Putting it on an equality with those villages which had been neglected last year the Inhabitants of Course started no objection against it

In this Division there is an encrease Cultivation of 2773 Cawnies 64 [illegible] of Nunjah Land amounting to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] increase [illegible]

— By Punjah Land brought in to

Nunjah Cultivation 736. 96. $\frac{12\frac{1}{2}}{16}$

Do. Salady of Do. or Land giving 2nd Crop } 12. 41 $\frac{5}{16}$ — 749. 38 $\frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{16}$ — 811. 40. 34

Punavaracy Land or low Tax } Do. Do. 157. 15. $\frac{13}{16}$

Talady of Do. ... 6. 52. $\frac{12\frac{1}{2}}{16}$ 163. 68 $\frac{9\frac{1}{2}}{16}$ 141. 63.

Vanpyer Land Do. do. 21. 41. $\frac{12\frac{1}{2}}{16}$ —

Talady of do. — 7. 10. $\frac{9\frac{1}{2}}{16}$ 28. 52. $\frac{2}{16}$ 59.

Nunjah except Land brought in Vaumpire — 36. 34 $\frac{3}{8}$ 73. 24.

Mamool ... } —

Alicajeuly }

or Rudenjoyes above the fixed maximum.

Last years uncultivated Land Brought into Cultivation this year } 12. 60. 42. $\frac{11\frac{1}{2}}{16}$

Talady of Do. 2 ...

1262. 42 $\frac{15\frac{1}{2}}{16}$ 1181. 34. 10.

2242. 39 $\frac{15\frac{1}{2}}{16}$ 2274. 16. 74

Talady ... 551. 24 $\frac{3}{16}$ 653. 29. 11

Last Years Productive brought into Cultivation this year — 62235. 42.

Western Division

of Cawnies 724.21 19½/16 yielding Star Pagodas 3993.40.20.
and the Net Nunjah Jummah of this
Division for 1214 Fusly is 242050.92.

Punjah

The Settlement of the Punjah
Lands of this Division on which the
present Settlement has been formed is
on Cawnies 15709 7.41.½ amounting
to Star Pagodas — 52753.20.13.

The Rate of assessment in
these Lands are the same as last year.

There is an increase in Jum[illegible]
of the Villages to the amount of [illegible]

Viz.

by Punjah Land Cultivated in Fusly
1213 — 13983.6.26. Star Pagodas 43966.19.26
Cawnies
Decrease in [illegible] 1272.19½. 9002.37.

Punjah Jerrean
or waste Land brought } 2247.14.7/16 Star Pagodas 1800.16.64.
to Cultivation —

Sarnacadum Cutcut } Cawnies – yielding Star Pagodas
Land brought to } 88.78 10 7/16 — 3342 2.15.
Punjah Cultivation

Last Year uncultivated
Land brought to
Cultivation this } 10[illegible].32 [illegible] — [illegible].15.26
[illegible]

Munjal Land brought in Punjah Cultivation } culli dorkies 275. 74. $\frac{10\frac{1}{2}}{16}$ — 542. 5. 34.

Pagoody allavaray Land brought into Cultivation } culli dorkies 71. 59 $\frac{9\frac{1}{2}}{16}$ — 369. 12. 69.

Enclosed by measurement } 44. 70. $\frac{15}{16}$ — 15. 11. 65.

only the Difference of the Crops — } " — " — " 521. 10. 47.

Teruvay [illegible] or [illegible] of the [illegible] of the Crops } " — " — 73133. 31. — caunies 17460. 55. — $\frac{2}{16}$ Pd. f. c. 18788. 67. 62

157097. 41 $\frac{2}{16}$ 52753. 20. 13

There is a Decrease in this Division in the Punjah Lands to the amount of caunies 4183. 97 $\frac{15}{16}$ — Pd. f. c. 3231. 28. 74

Amount [illegible] the Particulars thereof are as follows

Deduction made this Year for uncultivated Land } caunies dorkies 3067. 98. $\frac{15\frac{2}{4}}{16}$ — Pd. f. c. 1904. 22. 52.

Do. for Lands where [illegible] failed } 31. 41$\frac{1}{2}$ — 83. 14. — " —

Western Division

	cawne golie	Pa. f. c.
Decrease by absent Inhabitants	296.42 7/16	1337.15
Punjah Land made Nunjah	615.25 3½/16	270.7.49
Vanpoyer	30.32 7/8	177.27.39
Ground sold to the Ingeneer for a garden	14.46 15/16	2.25.16
Decrease by [illegible]		134.14.63
	4185.97 15½/16	3231.28.74

The Nett Amount of the Jumma on the Punjah Landes of this Division amounts to Pa. [illegible]24.33.19. being an encrease on the Jummabundy of last year of Star Pagodas 6586.20.73.

The Nett Amount of the Settlement of the Nunjah and Punjah Landes of this Division for the present Fusly is 2915.72.19.54 Star Pagodas.

The Nett Amount of the Remainder of Revenue or ready money Collections Settled in the Western District &c for the present Fusly is 7422.[illegible].12. being an encrease above 1913 [illegible] of [illegible] 559.33.5. [illegible]

Western Division

have been made on account of
Arrack Credited to the Sangers 7. 19. 48 —
on account of House Tax — 30. 36 —
Grass Tax — 7. 40. 45 —
Bazar Tax — 3. 14. — —
Poodoocuttoo Pagoda Pagodas
Chs 88. 95. 7 15¾/16 — } 3326. 11. 78 —

Total — 3345. 32. 50 —

the Stubrums are the Same as last Year Amounting to Ms Pagodas 331. 15. 21. The Incomes Maniacuttum are 117. 8. 43. being an encrease above 1214 Fusly of Star Pagodas 44. 18. 64.

the Total Jemmabundy Stubrums and the Incomes Maniacuttum for 1214 of this Division is Ps. 3723. 13. 70 being a Net decrease upon the Amount of last Year of Ps. 3378. 17. 44.

the Cause of this decrease arising Chiefly from 887. 78. 10 3/16 of Culla Poodoocuttoo

Carried

Punjah Pagoday Lands transferred to Punjah Cultivation which pay an encrease Tax under that head

the Total Jumma for the Western Division is 297447. 14 - making a Nett encrease of 8032.1.30 above the Jumma of 1213 Fusly -

Comprising the Talooks of Tirucumbunum Mannargoody -

Eastern Division

the Nunjah Jumma of this Division has been stated upon extent of 12578 - 12 yielding the Pagodas 40077. 32. 6 of the above 1303 Cawnies 28 yielding a 2nd Crop -

the encrease in the Cultivation above that of 1212 Fusly is cawnies 400 ... giving Star Pagodas - 2432. 10. 6

this

This encrease is occasioned

Acres R. P.

as follows— By Woodlottes or Wood Land brought into Cultivation 43. 56. ¼	50. 31. 40.
By Conquest [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Land brought [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]	160. 21. —
[illegible] encrease [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 83. 2. 6. ¾	70. 21. —
[illegible] Lands [illegible] or encrease of 2 [illegible] [illegible] 312. 16. [illegible] is encrease Produce of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]	3742. 20. 1.

Eastern Division —

By addition to the Commu-tation price	3,558. 8. 23 —
	8432. 12. 60

I Shall now offer — some Remarks on the two Items of this Settlement —

The encrease produce in the Crops amounting to 3753 — Cullums was gained in the Kulmergum of the Chimmbrum Mohal — this encrease of Produce is chiefly owing to the Particular local — Situation of the ground which — is in the vicinity of the mouth of the River Coleroon and is — generally so much over flowd

who —

Eastern Division

when the River is at a Moderate hight that the Crops are frequently damaged by the Flood—

Eastern Division

Flood this year the River having
been Considerably lower that for
Some years past this ground has
derived all the advantage of Irriga-
tion without being Subject to be
overflood as usual and the richness
of the Soil has this year Made
Some amends to the Inhabitants
for their past Labour -

The price of Paddy
this year has been so extreamly
high on the Sea Coast as to sell
nearly for double the price at which
the grain was last year Commuted
and had Government Chosen to
have demanded the [illegible] Revenue in
grain the sales of it would have
produced a Rev[illegible] equal to
[illegible]

almost double the amount now paid by the Inhabitants in Money Govr. I am Certain would not have wished Me to have taken this Advantage of the Inhabitants neither could Good policy Dictate such a Measure — The Paddy however was Selling at time of reaping of the Carr Crop at 2¼ Cullums The Pagoda for Sambat and for the [illegible] Cullums this price has Continued and from the Immense demand for Grain in the [illegible] Province Likely to be Still More Profitable for the Inhabitants I therefore Deemed it but Just that a Trifling Alteration Should be made in the Commutation price [illegible] on the foregoing Account [illegible] [illegible] advantage of

The Inhabitants of Chedumbrum Dunve from their Visinity to the sea which is the means of enabling them to Export their Grain to the Different parts along the Sea Cost at a great profit.

In Fusly 1213 the Sumbut was Commuted at 4 Culluoms and the Carr — — 4 — [illegible]

collums they [illegible]

were Commuting the Fouth the Upper at — — 3 — 1 and the Latter at — 4 C [illegible]

cal. the P. Do

the Justice of which was acknowledged by Every Individual Landholder who Came before me —

A Decrease in the Gross Jummah of the Division has been Made [illegible] the amount

of Star Pagodas 6664 – fan.s 26 Cash 72
on the following Account. —

On Account of Cultivated
land for the 1st Crop — cawnies goolies 768 . 49 3/16 —

For the 2nd Crop — —	57 . 50 . —
	823 . 92 3/16 — oc
	St. Pag. f. C.
Star Pagodas — — —	1065 . 2 . 50
Nunjah land Cultivated as Punjah for want of Water cawnies 22 18 . 85 1/16	2922 . 5 . 46 .
Paddy decreased on the Estimated average Produce	2677 . 18 . 56 .
	6664 . 26 . 72 .

The

Eastern Division

The Net Encrease in the Nunjah Jumma in this Division is — (Pag. F. C.) 1707 — 27 — 72

The Total Nunjah Jumma of Fusly 1214 in this Division is — (Pag. F. C.) 6413 — 11 — 14

The Settlement of the Punjah Lands of this Division was fixed on — 24455 Cawnies 12½ Goolies giving Star Pagodas — 19053 — 25 — 7

The Rate of Assessment on these Lands is the same as formerly fixed the Encrease in the Punjah Cultivation this year is (Cawnies Goolies) 6456 — 64 1/16 yielding Star Pagodas 3904 — 30 — 40

The Particulars of this Encrease are as follows —:

The Particulars of this Encrease are Vizt.

Poodooteroolull —

	c b	nr b l
Attaturseyor wast Land brought into Cultivation	184 . 29 . 11/16	141 . 5 . 30
Pavambaker Land Do. Do.	8 . 14 1/16	6 . 15 . 7
Yalaucaudeeor Light jungle Do.	72 . 48 7/16	31 . 26 . 20
Caumcaudee or thick Do. Do.	279 . 46 1/8	170 . 36 . 60
Annodey Tarsey or old waste Land Do. Do.	794 . 20 5/16	395 . 21 . —
	1332 . 59 5/16	745 . 2 . 27
Land Encreased by ye Measurement	4 . 50	7 . 28 . 70
Do. Brought in garden	9 . 92 3/16	9 . 26 . 20
Uncultivated Land Brought into Cultivation this year	244 . 37 1/2	164 . 21 . 52
Nunjah brought into Punjah Cultivation	2248 . 35 15/16	2417 . 23 . 24
	3856 . 25	3404 . 36 . 33

Toluddy Encrease 550 . 39/16 . 223 . 6 71 .

Different gained on produce or Different Crops	276 . 29 . 16	
	550 . 39/16	497 . 36 . 7
	[illegible] . 64/16	3904 . 30 . 40

A Decrease has been Made in this Division to the Amount of Star Pags 1123 21 16 as follows —

Deduction on Account of Land uncultivated for want of water — Cawnie grounds Star Pags fanams 430 [illegible] 20 54

On Account of Crops that failed — 795. 5. 72

After deducting the above the neet Encrease in this Division for the Punjah Land will be found to be — Star Pags f. C. 2731. 3. 74 —

The total Punjah [illegible] of this Division of Fusly 1211 is — Star Pags f. C. 17939 41 25

The Aummaidum Revenue of this Division was settled at — Star Pags f. C. 6154. 32. 34 being an encrease above last year of 274. 3. 22 as follows —

on Callapatawey n different heads — 10. 1. [illegible]

on Aummaidum [illegible] — 264. 1. [illegible]

A decrease has been made as follows from the above

on Callapatawey — 1. 25. 74

[illegible]

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and the Net Encrease Pag.s 202.41-54

The Total Cultivation of the mannargoody Division is Cawnie Goolee 39553-6½ yielding Pag.s Pa. F. C. 65497.3-25 including Sernaiadum—

The gross increase in the Jumma of Fusly 1214 above that of 1213 Fusly is Pag.s 1261.4.46 in the above is included the Farms held by Mr Campbell at the same Rent as paid by him last year I have however Received from that Gentleman a Letter Copy (of which Accompanys this) Requesting Me to Solicit the Board to Obtain the Sanction of Government that the Amount of the Actual produce of his farm As Stated in Account Particular No. 2 May be Received in lieu of the Rent fixed by

Eastern Division

by Mr. Wallace & for the remaining years of the lease of the Farm. I then, the Board will be pleased to establish the rent to be paid on the average of four years which the Country has been under the Government of the Companys Amounting to Pa. f. c. 1670 .. 19 .. 57½ in lieu of the average of two years as taken by Mr. Wallace & which made it amount to 2062 .. 3 .. 75 .. or that a remission of 391 .. 25 .. 7½ on the amount of rents for the remaining period of the lease be granted.

It is only necessary for me to remark that the two first years that these villages were under the Companys Govt & the

Season

than Certainly was more favorable
than that nown been the average
produce of these two years does not
therefore appear in my opinion
to be just certain for fixing a
Permanent Rent altho the Granting
reduction petitioned for by Mr Cambe
is rather higher than what has
been granted on average in those
Estates disposed of in perpetuity in the
several Southern Provinces yet
as the Form was granted for
Mr Campbell for the express
purpose for encouraging him to
undertake the Manufacture of
Sugar which if brought to
perfection may Possibly become
of Great National Benefit
trust that Mr Campbell petition
will

Northern Division

will meet with the Consideration of the Board of Government

The Settlement of the Nunja Lands of this Division has been settled upon the extent of 8796 – 89 of which 1066 – 4 16 yield an additional Crop the amount for which the Govt Share of the Produce of these Lands has been Commuted for is $331^{P} - 38^{f} - 20^{c}$ —

[Margin: Consisting of Terrion Volcondu, Ottatore and Curumbalore]

The Assessment was made on the actual produce of this year & the Commutation Price has been Continued the same as Last year —

There is an encrease in the Nunja Cultivation in this

Division

Northern Division

Division of 1002 - 26 4/16 gools - yielding
an Amount of 6s Pay^t - 1726 - 28 - 78

W^r - 1 - 6

The Increase is Composed of Land 4
newly Cultivated - 9 - 50 - 10 - 36 -

Broad-tailed Land brought to Cultivation or Land on sale	6 - 9 - 0 - 1 - 6	
	1 - 12 [illegible] - 21 - 30	
Uncultivated land last year brought to Cultivation -		
Naught [illegible] 6 - 7 - 48 4/16		
[illegible]	94 - 26 4/16	106 - 27 - 60
[illegible] brought [illegible]	7 - 14 1/16	49 - 7 - 62
Increased by [illegible] last year	71 - 23 7/16	45 - - 23
	1002 - 26 4/16	1232 - 9 - 15
[illegible] land brought this year [illegible]		163 - 27 - 60
Past year Increase on the Produce or Consumed [illegible]		63 - 33 - 30
Gained by difference of the Crops		266 - 36 - 5

1st Crop	773[illegible] - 84 1/8	1002 - 26 4/16 - 17
2^d Sort	106[illegible] - 11 11/16	8796 - 39 1/16 - 14

Barwan[illegible]

Jungle Land brought to Cultivation on the Cowl	Cawnies gahunds Ps. flush	
	9387 . 90	624 . 36 . 68
Nunjeh Land brought to Punjah	92 . 18	137 . 16 . 33
Encreased by measurement Do.	1589 . 33	1399 . 17 . 23
Do. by difference of the crops	— — —	570 . 18 . 67
Do. by Tax	— — —	364 . 41 . 72
		5404 53 . 4939 . 33
		997284 . 06 10110822 . 6[illegible]

There [illegible] decrease in the [illegible] Punjah Cultivation to the Amount of [illegible] 1556 . [illegible] amounting to 1636 . 12 . [illegible] And a [illegible] of Tax of 1469 . 39 . 4

Total [illegible] 2106 . 9 . 66

The Particulars [illegible] of the decrease are as follows —

[illegible] Cawnies gahunds Ps. flush		
and [illegible]	1886 . 54	1026 . 15 . 38
On account of the failure of [illegible] absence of the inhabitants River take place or [illegible]	236 . 79	271 . 39 . 47
		7 . [illegible] . 13 . 91

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at 1 p[illegible] cent } 27 .. 314 .. 1211.3½

to . Vary[illegible]

Detachments [illegible]
to which the heads
who absent from
time to totality } 34 .. 37⅝ 26 .. 2 .. 9½
Talluck the revenue
of which is included
in the totality summary

Decreased by Tax
or Tanery } " " — 1469 .. 32 .. 4 — 2526 .. 3½ — 1908 .. 2 .. 6

Total of [illegible] of the [illegible] 9142 .. 3⅝ .. 1900 .. 19 .. 7½

Northern Division

[illegible] [illegible] a very heavy deduction [illegible] the total will [illegible] that the actual decrease in the amount of last years collection is only 3141 Cawnies the [illegible] of [illegible] having been [illegible] upon the agreement of the [illegible] at the commencement of the Season to Cultivate 5469 Cawnies more than last year but notwithstanding this additional Extent of ground had actually been Ploughed and prepared for the Seed yet the almost Total failure of the periodical Rains Rendered the Sowing of it useless this Nominal Reduction is [illegible] here for the Purpose of Shewing the Board

That

Decrease

uncultivated ...

land & Poolady — 1143 . 81/4 | cancu.. Golio.. N. f...

D° 2nd Crop D° — 267 . 68/4 — 1311 . 50 . 1428 . 12 ...

absent Inhabitants 50 . 45/16

D° 2nd Crop D° — 23 . 37/2 — 73 . 82 13/16 — 9.. 16 ...

Nunjah land

Carried to poorany — — — — 33 . 95/16 — 71 . 29 ...

deduction made
to the Inhabitants
who remained to
actually settle
the amount of rent
paid at ...
... ...
... ...
in the Produce — — — — — 5 . 95 — 3 . 93 ...

1424 . 53/2 . 1611 . 37 ...

— — — — 1 . 6 . ...

1424 . 53/2 . 1610 ...

Total after deducting the decrease 7372 .. 35 4/16 .. 177...

Th...

[illegible] a decrease in this Division to the
Amount of 1424.33½ or 1649 C^s^ 4.55 the
Particulars of which are as follows—

There is a net increase in the
Munjah Jumma of this year amount
to St^r Pag^s 117—10—23 and the Net
Jumma of the Munjah Lands of this
Division is 12772—33—45—

Punjah

The Punjah Jumma has
[illegible] assessment of [illegible]
[illegible] Buildings & Pagodas
[illegible] the rate of assessment on
the [illegible] was the same as has been for
[illegible] many years past—

There is an increase in the
Punjah [illegible] of [illegible] 53— giving
St^r Pag^s 4939—35—7 Particulars of which are
here Detailed

Punjah Survey [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Cost
[illegible] uncultivated land 1473 [illegible] 149.29.64
[illegible]

Composing Anakove and Woodiarpallam

The net above increase Fusly 1213 St. Pagodas 321.11.13

The gross Summa settled in the Northern Division for Fusly 1214 is 124630-36-67 being a gross increase of 6459-13-21 above Fusly 1213—

The net decrease in the Summa of 1214 Fusly is 7429-22-24 and the present net Summa of 1214 Fusly is St. Pagodas 110759-1-22

Center Division

The extensive Country of Nunjah Cultivation in this Division which the present settlement has been formed amounting to [illegible] 93⅞ and is Money to St. Pags. 5651-28-70 it will be observed that there is gross decrease in the Nunjah Cultivation of this Division of Cawnies 629-50⅝ amounting to St. Pags. 1626-35-35 being Chiefly Caused by want of Water in the Tanks from land uncultivated also from the produce of the Crops

[illegible] villages being left than last year

The Net Decrease in the Jumma of this Division below that of last year amounts to St. Pagodas 1347-28-70 —

Punjah

The Settlement of the Punjah Lands of this Division has been formed on the Cultivation of 11351 [illegible] Cawnies amounting to 22126-6-54. The rate of assessment on these Lands in the [illegible] has been usually paid in this District.

There is an encrease in the Punjah Cultivation this year of 3511-7/16 amounting to St. Pagodas 3997-6-45 —

Th

Trichinopoly Province

General Remarks having now given a Minute Detail of the Different branches of Revenue as Settled for Fusly 1214 in this province it will not perhaps prove unsatisfactory to bring under One General View the Amount Settled for each of the three Heads under which the Revenue has been divid[ed]

The Total extent of Nunjah Cultivation of the Districts of this Province is 109361 Cawnies ¾ goolies of which 43078 31¼ yield a Second Crop in this year the Amount of the Settlement on these Lands has been fixed 311.342 41 [illegible]

The Gross Encrease in the Nunja Jumma is 16.842.32.1 [illegible]

of the gross decrease 13081 – 1636 – is

deducted, the Net increase of 3761. 15. 45

Remains the Total Amount of the whole

Cunja Revenue is 201111. 35. 27

being an Assessment on 329. 634. 72 $\frac{11 \frac{1}{2}}{16}$

The gross increase of Cunja

is 20.929. Star Pagodas 37. 79. and

in Cawnie 30.777 – 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ Golies

The Gross decrease is

Cawnie 17378. 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Money 25046. 1. 19 making

the Neb decrease Pags 4116. 5. 20

The Total Surnaiadum

Revenue of this Province was

estimated 23.633. 11. 58

The Total gross increase

is 1139. 5. 43 and the total Gross decrease

3563 – 26 – 20 leaving the Total Nett summa

of the Surnaiadum Revenue of

Northern Division

that no pains were spared to enduce the
Inhabitants to exert themselves to
Extend the Cultivation as well as to
Shew in what extente the resources
of Government Might have increased
had not the Season been rather severe
Trust the Board will approve of my
having assessed those lands only which
had been actually Cultivated and
Reaped

The net Revenue of
1216 Fusly for the Pangah Lands of
Regal Fan[s] Cash
this Division is 24,000 19 74 being
a net Decrease on the amount of the
Pag[s] Fan[s] Cash
Jumma of last year of 7868 9 60

The Pasha ... [illegible]

of this Increase has been detailed in

above — Sunnaiadum

Tenure

The Sunnaiadum revenue of this division has been stated at 8968 - 31 - 63 being a encrease on the amount of Fusly 1213 of Pagodas 492 - 39 - 16 particulars of encrease as follows

amount of Loom Tax — 46 . 26 . 8
Do of Bazaar Do — 96 . 32 . 64
Do Putcullee & [illegible] 20 . 16 . ..
Do Cattle Tax — 4 . 10 . 40
Do Oil mungus bullocks Do 1 . 17 . 50
Do Permal [illegible] pasapoo 1 . 36 . ..
Do Melayaloo [illegible] tax — 6 . 31 . 44
Do Rent [illegible] 15 . 30 . ..
Do Tax on Gardens &c — 63 . 19 . 51 — 257 . 2 . 13
Nainaoottum or Saffroje fees 197 . . 53
Neelamur Cooly — — 36 . 36 . 30
492 . 39 . 16

There is a decrease in this division of Pagodas 171 . 28 . 3
the particulars of this decrease as follows —
on account of Loom tax — — 4 . 18 . ..
Gross tax — — — 26 . 27 . ..
Tallacoottoovary fees — .. .. 9 . ..
Nainaoottum Saffroje fees 69 . 13 . 33
Neelamur Cooly — 71 . 7 . 50 — 171 . 28 . 3

Center Division

The Particulars thereof are as follows

Pungah Jarasyar uncultivated land brought to Cultivation this year	cul. [illegible] 1619.20 7/16 - 27813.7
Waste Land brought D.o	396.54 1/4 - 3374.9
Light jungle Land D.o	796 3/16 - 559.33.3
Thick D.o D.o	699.92 2/16 - 261.9
	3511.9 [illegible] - 3134.32.0
Difference of the Crops	7.15.6
	[illegible]
	12350 C. [illegible]

There is a gross decrease in the Pungah Cultivation Amounting to 4175.53 in Money to 8512-20.72 the particulars of which are as follows—

Uncultivated Land ([illegible]) Jaras, upon last year deduction made for uncultivated D.o	2332 - 4423.15.60
deduction made for [illegible] which was Dryed for want of Rain	1753 - 3203.22.70
D.o for Polygars Gardens	91 [illegible] - 53.2.50
	4175.53 - 7140.5.20
Difference of the Crops	342.21.52

Center Division

The Net increase in the Cunga jumma is therefore P. f. C. 4585-20-27 owing to the Causes above detailed -

Sornaiadum Revenue

The Sornaiadum Revenue including Shotriums is settled at P. f. C. 4134-25-48 being gross increase of P. f. C. 42-5-22 above last year - there is a gross decrease of 2175 -

The Net Sornaiadum Revenue is therefore fixed at P. f. C. 4132-8-43 being a net increase above 1213 Fusly of Star Pagodas P. f. C. 30-22-17

The Net Amount of the jumma of this Fusly for the Northern Division is P. f. C. 85760-25-48 being a net decrease below 1213 Fusly } P. f. C. 5893-21.

of Fusly 1214 — at 25.119.27.38.

By the above general view of the Settlement of the Revenue of the Trichinopoly Province for this year the Board will perceive that the Nunjah Revenue have been extended this Year notwithstanding the severity of the Season the encrease is chiefly to be attributed to the New Lands which have been Cultivated from [illegible] of the [illegible] and from the old Lands [illegible] an additional [illegible] Crops this year which [illegible] in fact the [illegible] Revenue under this [illegible] these are to be Considered as Lands which the Ryots had entered into agreement to Cultivate but were from the failure of the Tanks unable to perform it also includes the prepared Lands which were not Cultivated for want of Rain.

In this Settlement however the Nunjit Vallar Crops Cultivated in March and Reaped in July August have been included it amounts to 1700 Ps I am Much afraid the whole of this Crops will fail as the Rivers are now Quite dry I have therefore to Solicit the Permission of the Board to make the reductions which may appear to be hereafter necessary on this account.

In the Cunjeh Settlement of this year many deductions have been necessitated by the great and severe drought we have experienced, a reduction therefore was found to be absolutely necessary. I have however to assure the Board that nothing was given up without a full investigation of the Claims of the Inhabitants & untill I was perfectly Satisfied.

myself

myself that their demands were [illegible]
and I was particularly Carefull
that no land but what was actu[illegible]
Cultivated should be taxed preven[illegible]
their being sown the produce of th[illegible]
principals on which the Rents [illegible]
have been fixed on the Lands in
this Province the extent the [illegible]
produce and Classification of the
Lands attached to each Ryot an[illegible]
having been ascertained and a
tax fixed on each Class of [illegible]
belonging to each Landholder an[illegible]
the Office of Government from
the Ryots having been [illegible]
to the amount specified in
the Pottahs issued under my [illegible]
and Signature to every individu[illegible]
Landholder all [illegible] assessment[illegible]
will hereafter be Checked on th[illegible]
part of the Head Ryots & Native
Circar Servants it will tend to [illegible]
encorage the exertions of the [illegible]

who instead of being Compelled as formerly to Cultivate their Lands without being Certain of their Reward Chearfully Labour to extend the Cultivation I have little more to add upon the Settlement of this Year. I shall therefore Simply State that the Total Jumma of Land Revenue for Fusly 1214 — I return the

Sa. Rs. As. G.

Revenue amounting to 5,59,447.2.15

to which may be added the estimated Extra Revenue of this being as follows —

	Sa. Rs. As. G.
Land Customs	32711.24.42
Farmed Revenue	17032.26.60
Salt	518.28.70
Extra Revenue	2000 .. ..
Total Extra Revenue	52262.38.12
Total Land Revenue	5,59,447.2.15
Total Jumma Settled & Estimated for Fusly 1214	6,11,709.40.27

as the formation of a Ryotwarry Settlement
occasions much delay in the Collection
of the Revenues and as the Demand
of Government from being Subject
to Continual Variation, is a Considerable
degree tends in my Opinion to check
the energy of Improvement in the
Lands I shall as it appears to be the
wish of the Board of Government
endeavour to effect a Permanent
Settlement with the Ryots of this
Province in the ensuing Fusly which
I am Confident will [illegible]
promote the Improvement of [illegible]
and the [illegible]
well as to ensure the Regular Collection
of the Revenues.

I have the honor herewith
to transmit my Jummabundy and
Settlement of the Tree Monopoly
Rents for this Fusly — I also beg
leave to refer the Board to the ~~[illegible]~~
following Statement Connected with
the Report the Cultivation in the Fusly
of 1214 Fusly —

a Statement Shewing the Particulars
of Sornaiadum Revenue of the Trichy
Province for Fusly 1214 -

Comparative Statement of ~~the increase~~
~~and decrease~~ in 1213 & 1214 Fuslys -

A Comparative Statement of the
increase & decrease of Revenue for
each Mohal and Talook and Division
of this Province for Fusly 1214 -

I cannot Close this Report without
mentioning to the Board the chearful
assistance I have Received both in
my Revenue and Judicial Duties
from Mr Assistant Brown Per-
lon Gentleman during my absence
on the Works and at all other times
for assisting the Current business
of my Office with the greatest
propriety and attention his knowledge
of the Country Language and the progress
he has made in the Tamul promise
to Render him of material Service
to Government in whatever Situation
they may employ him - I trust
that the Revenues Settled for the
present Fusly altho Somewhat lower

than

than last Year will be approved of and that every allowance will be made by Government for the severity of the present Season —

The Season has continued so extreamly severe since the period of my forming my Settlement with some of the Pattachs and the Crops have suffered so much from the continued Drought that I am much afraid it will be found necessary to make a further remission to the amount of the last of the two remaining [illegible] the Petitions of the Inhabitants for remission of [illegible] by me and [illegible] attentively examined [illegible] forward to the [illegible] I trust I shall be [illegible] the wishes of the Board [illegible] that they will approve of my conduct by endeavouring to [illegible] the Settlement upon a level with the produce of the Year and to effect as [illegible] equitable a Settlement with Ryots as possible —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obed. Humble Serv.

Trichinopoly
1 April 1805 —

To the Secretary to the Government

in the Revenue & Judicial Department –

Sir

Para 1 I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter forwarding copies of two Reports from the Medical Board with the enclosures from the Committee of Medical Officers assembled in the Southern Countries, and desiring me to state for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council my Sentiments on the propositions therein Submitted –

2^d Doctor Christys report applying immediately to the Province under my Charge was in the first instance Communicated to me by that Gentleman, and the observations it contains are in Many respects, entitled to peculiar Consideration. It appears clearly established that this dreadful Contagion had its origin in the Fort of Madura, low in Situation with a crowded Population, and Surrounded by Stagnated

water, with inadequate Means for the removal of

every Species of filth — In a place thus Situated, the

health of a People must of course be influenced

by so Many local disadvatages, & if to this

Consideration be added the extraordinary Vicissi-

tudes of Seasons, as recorded by Doctor Christy, it will

I trust be considered unnecessary to Search for

further Evidence in Support of the reasons already

assigned for the late Mortality —

3^d With reference to the foregoing

relation of facts, confirmed by a Melancholy

Register of Deaths, it is not difficult to account

for a fever of this description after a certain

period becoming contagious — and by degrees spr-

-ading itself over the face of the Country; also

that it should prove Most destructive, in the

Province where it found its Source —

4th Having brought under the Considerat-

of Government the Opinions I entertain on this

important Subject, which, in a certain degree

correspond with Doctor Christy's Statement I now

beg

beg leave to call their attention to these points [illegible]
which my sentiments differ materially with
that Gentleman and since the Medical Board
in their several Reports have adopted the same
Ideas, as noticed by Doctor Chirsty, I shall for the
sake of brevity, apply my answers to both —

5th In entering upon this discussion I am
aware that the Medical Board have not proved
by Evidence the grounds upon which their opinions
are formed. They confess indeed that "they feel at a
"loss to speak upon many points connected with
"the situation of the Ryots of the Southern contries"
Although they have not hesitated to assert "that
"the great & more general cause of Disease & Death
"is the wretchedly poor condition of this most
"useful class of People who in the midst of plenty
"reared by their own labour seem to partake in
"but little of it," and that the "wretchedness of these
"Ryots" contrasted with the plenty around "is"
"a striking picture of their "unequal lot" —

6th Contrasting these assertions with the
Report.

Report of the committee on the State of the Prop

in Coimbatore it would appear that both th

Committee & the Medical Board entertain opin

very unfavorable to the System of Government

and Revenue adopted in the Province of

Madura –

6th It therefore becomes my duty un

invariably to State, that these insinuations are

founded in Error, that the principle of taxation

is, in every respect similar to the general plan

adopted in the Companys territories and that

if any distinction does exist, it is, in favor of

the Ryots inhabiting the Province of Madura,

That District having been ceded to the Compan

by Treaty in 1801 was of course not exempt from

its share of civil Administration to which all

the countries subject to the Nabob were liable –

but contrasting that disadvantage with a tota

change of Measures for a period of ten years

during which the Inhabitants have enjoyed th

full benefit of their labour, by a fair and

equitabl

equitable distribution of the Crop, are circu-
-stances, which form, in My humble opinion
a Strong refutation of those doubts which the
Medical Board entertain of "the wretchedness
"the Condition of the Husbandman", and the
"Striking picture of his unequal Lot"—

8th The next point to which the
Committee have called the attention of Govt. is
the Superior comforts enjoyed by the Inhabitants
of Coimbatore, in being "well lodged", well Cloathed
"well fed Mostly" all sleeping on truckle Beds
"(Cattles) with Comlies to cover them, and generally
"in the habit of wearing Sandals, when working
"in the fields"—

9th In order to place the Subject of this
Extract in a proper point of view—So as to admit
of no interpretation unfavorable to the System
of Government in the Countries South of Coimbatore
it is necessary that I should call the attention
of Government to certain local causes to which
this apparent distinction in the relative Comforts
of

of their People ought justly to be ascribed -

10th In the first place the Committee are perhaps not aware that the Inhabitants South of the Colleroon are of a cast which interdicts them from wearing upper garments, by which is meant not that their Religion prohibits it, but that the custom of the Country has established the usage, with nearly the same effect on the Minds of the People as if it were a religious Duty - From the Poligar down to his Menial Servant they indiscriminately dress alike and the distinction only exists in the texture of the Cloth surrounding their Loins and the ornaments or fineness of the Turban on their Heads - The want of Cloathing therefore is not to be ascribed to "poverty" or "wretchedness" but to the Customs of the People who with tenfold the Means to provide against Cold or Damps justly Stated by the Committee as predisposing causes to fever - would not be persuaded to alter that Style of Dress which the custom of the Country

has for ages established to be the only proper attire for a man—

11th. With regard to the distinction of food—I am not aware that any exists between the Coimbatore Country and the More Southern Districts—The Inhabitants in general live upon Dry Grain, which is extremely heatthly & Cultivated to a great extent—Had it produced the evil Consequences Stated by the Medical Board Vizt. "Pott Bellies" & "wasted Limbs"—it would appear extraordinary that Symptons of this description Should never have attracted notice until the late Endemic had Spread death and desolation among the People and I am therefore inclined to ascribe these Signs of Debility—to the effects of the fever, and not to the food which the People have been in the habit of Subsisting on, from their earliest infancy without injury to their Health—

12th. The traffic in Grain so as to produce artificial Scarcity alluded to by the Medical Board

Board as having formerly existed in the Southern Countries, had its origin in the System of Revenue pursued by all native Powers Viz^t. of receiving the Circar Share of the Crop in kind. By this proceeding the Market was always controled by the Government who, having a large proportion of the Grain in their own possession, could enhance its Value at pleasure—

13th. The disadvantages of this System, as well with a View to public as individual prosperity having been long since experienced, has accordingly ceased in the Districts under My charge. The Market is well supplied with every discription of Grain, at a price Much below the Selling rates in the Surrounding Districts—

14th. The Committee in the Next place notice the great advantages in Coimbatore of Sleeping on "trouckle Beds" with "Cumlies to cover them"—

15th. I entertain no doubt that these Comforts will materially tend to the Health of a People where

where such precautions are necessary against an unfavorable Climate, but the possession of them in one Country - and the want of them in another, is no proof that "poverty" & wretchedness" is the cause of this distinction -

16th This is best explained by reference to the geographical Situation of Coimbatore and Madura, the former bordering on the Ghauts, and partaking in a great degree of the Climate of Mysore - the latter being Situated at a consid=erable distance from the Mountains which divide the Peninsula -

17th In this local position of the two Countries is to be traced the distinction of Comforts noticed by the Committee - upon the same principle as that, in Mysore & the Maratta Country sleeping on a Bed & possessing a Comby is not to be considered as Evidence of the affluence of the People - but as a proof of the necessity to provide against the cold & Damp of the Climate they inhabit --

18th In the Province of Madura the same necessity to provide against Climate had never existed and thus unprepared to resist the effects of Disease suddenly spreading itself over the Country the Inhabitants have fallen a Sacrifice to it, not from "Poverty and wretchedness" but from a natural security in their own habits and customs, & the general health of the atmosphere in the Southern Countries—

19th Having shown I trust satisfactorily that the want of "Tuckle Beds" & "Comlies" are not to be ascribed to the "Poverty" of the People, it may be necessary that I should add, that no doubt can be entertained of the advantages of such Comforts in all climates where from Moisture or other causes there is a tendency to fever— The People of Coimbatore experienced this when the contagion spread—but still it will continue to be a matter of Speculation whether they would have escaped the Disorder had they with the comfort of "Beds & Comlies"

been

been Situated at a less distance from the
Source of contagion - Considering Madura, a
I do, to have been the Source of that Disease
is to be Supposed that this Province with the
one immediately adjoining (Dindigul) should
feel its effects with the greatest Severity, &
that Coimbatore being Still further removed
should experience it with less Violence - Comb
-ining these reasons with the acknowledged
advantage of being prepared by Dress bodily ~~& Jhe the~~ to resist the first Seeds of Disorder
Constitutes in My Mind a Connected chain
of reasoning why the Mortality, in Madura &
Dindigul should have so far exceeded the num
of Deaths in Coimbatore without resorting for
Evidence to the "Poverty" & "wretchedness" of the
People inhabiting the first mentioned Provinces -

20th The Medical Board having laid
peculiar Stress on the Circumstance that the
Ryots of Madura were the principal Sufferers
by the fever and having thence drawn a conclusion
that

"that "poverty of food" and consequent "debility" enabled them to resist its influence with less effect, I beg leave to call to your recollection that with the exception of Large towns Nearly all the Inhabitants of this Country must be considered as cultivators of the Soil Admitting this to to be the fact it will occur to you that the greatest proportion of Deaths will of course be found among this discription of People who, independent of Numbers, are, in the pursuit of their Occupation More exposed than any other Class to the influence of Climate - Instead &c therefore of Subscribing to the Sentiments of the Medical Board I beg leave to State it as My opinion that I can only View the Mortality Among these People as the Natural Consequence of their Situation in Life and not their "poverty" which compels them to expose their Persons to all the Vissicitudes of Seasons -

2ndly With regard to the advantage &c possessed by the Inhabitants of Coimbatore and

mentioned

mentioned by the Committee of working in Paddy fields with Sandals it is a proceeding so novel & extraordinary, that I am, under the necessity of professing my entire ignorance on the Subject and at the same time to declare that after, ten years constant residence in Tanjore and an intimate acquaintance with the Manners & Customs of the People, this is the only Instance that has come to my knowledge where such precautions against fever have ever been resorted to—

22.d Having now completed my replies to the arguments advanced by the Committee in favor of the Superior degree of comforts enjoyed by the Inhabitants of Coimbatore over those residing in the Province of Madura & shewn that the difference which is said to exist has no connexion, with the System of Govt. adopted in these Countries, I shall proceed, to submit to you for the information of Govt. the reasons, which present themselves to my

mind

mind against the application of these measures recommended by the Medical Board for ameliorating the condition of the People and by such means radicating the fever.

23d. In differing in opinion with the Medical Board I trust it will appear that my dissent is not founded on light and insufficient ground. Indeed it is to be supposed that the Happiness of a People, who for eight years have been entrusted to my Superintendance should demand from me at this moment, more than common exertions in their favor but, whilst I am aware of my duty in this respect I cannot conceal from you the difficulty I feel in proposing any efficient system of measures, to remedy an evil which seems to be above control. With regard to the fort of Madura, the recommendations of the Medical Board have already been attended to, but when that Board suggest the "removal of Villages to more healthy situations" & to give the

Ryots

"Ryots, cloathing and "something to Sleep
"upon "and keep them warm at "night". I must
be allowed to observe that I feel astonished that
so crude & undigested a Proposition could ever
have been seriously in the Contemplation of
their Minds –

24th To remove a Population of 300,000
Souls who have fixed on their present residences
with reference to local convenience such as
Water & the lands they cultivate – to cloathe
this number of People who from their infancy
have been in the habit of wearing only a cloth
round their loins – to supply them [illegible]
[illegible] with Beds, blankets &c &c are suggestions,
that can only be regarded as wild and
Speculative because impossible to be carried
into effect –

25th Deeply impressed with these Senti-
-ments I should consider it my duty to
Support them by reasoning – were I not persuaded
that the Government with their experience of
the

the customs Manners & prejudices of the People,
would deem such a digression an unnecessary
intrusion on their more important Duties I
shall therefore conclude my remarks on
this Subject by submitting to the Honble the
Governor in Council the Measures I would
beg leave to recommend as the only means
they possess to aleviate the distress of so great
a portion of their Subjects—

26th For this purpose I have the honor
to lay before you Extract of a Letter addressed
by my assistant Mr. Peter to the Board of
Revenue, as containing my opinions; that
communication having been made, under my
immediate orders previous to quitting the
Districts Should the Suggestions therein contain-
-ed meet with a favorable Consideration I beg
leave to add that they be forthwith Confirmed
by Directions to my assistant in Charge to
Suspend for the present all Demands of Govt.
Connected with arrears of Revenue, until a

detailed

detailed & Circumstantial Report can be Submitted of the actual Situation and Circumstance of the People —

"With reference to the foregoing lamen-"table Situation of affairs, I beg leave to call "the Serious attention of your Board whether, "under existing Circumstances the Exaction of "our demands, would be Consistent either with "Sound Policy or the Dictates of that Humanity, "for which a British Government has ever been "so justly renowned, I trust, I am not exceeding "the limits of that Subordination which is due "to ~~[illegible]~~ your Superior Judgment ~~[illegible]~~, when "I State it as my Opinion that the Situation of "these Provinces demand the Most indulgent "Consideration, not only in deciding upon the "line of Proceeding to be adopted for the adjust-"ment of arrears but of the Revenue for the "approaching year"

"If any argument could add Strength to this Opinion it would be that the

Revenue

"Revenue of the current year has not been
"adjusted with reference to the present Calamity,
"our Demands being regulated by a Lease Rent
"formed Three years back when the Country
"was flourishing and the Ryots enjoying Health
and Plenty. The Recollection of the favorable
"adjustment of that triennial Lease will at
"once convince you of the impossibility of real-
"izing it, under present Circumstances and
although its failure will ever be an object of
"deep Regret with me (under whose immediate
"Superintendance it was formed) Still I trust
that sufficient reasons will be found in the
"foregoing Explanation to relieve the Collector
"from the Charge of having increased the
"Revenue at the expence of the Prosperity and
"Welfare of the country."

"As a Measure of present Expediency
"I would beg leave to recommend that in no instance
"the Property of [illegible] Inhabitants, be Sold for
"arrears who May have fallen a Sacrifice to the

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"Fever & that where real Inability to pay his "
" Kist is established in consequence of Sickness and
" Decrease of Cultivation no Ryot be pressed for the
" Payment of his Balance "

"By this humane Consideration for
" the Situation of the Cultivator we shall Combine
" ultimate advantage with immediate Relief to
" the Sufferers, for in the first Instance the "
" Sale of a Ryots Property is scarcely ever adequate
" to cover his arrears and which may hereafter
" be profitably transferred to Relations, and in
" the second place the Balances against
" such as are now in Sickness & distress may
" with conveniency be realized at some future
" Period" —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) G. Parish
Collr.

Madras
20th July 1811.

To Mr Gahagan
Secretary to
Govt. Rev & Jud
Department
20th July 1811